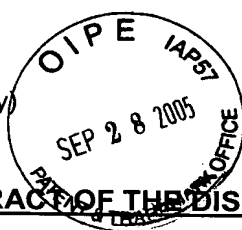


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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An apparatus for introducing gas into a liquid is provided. An elastic tube is disposed on a rigid profiled support member, which is provided with at least one recessed area. The elastic tube is provided with elastically expandable slits, and compressed air or gas is adapted to escape into the liquid, in the form of bubbles, through the slits when they are expanded.